

Express Mail No. EV580265833US

10/526703 #2
BT01 Rec'd PCT/PTC 04 MAR 2005
PATENT
MOS01 P-120

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hermann Franzen and Joachim Kröll
For : TRANSFER PLANT AND METHOD FOR
LOADING AND UNLOADING CONTAINERS
FROM CONTAINER SHIPS
International Filing Date : 28 August 2003
International Application No.: PCT/EP2003/009511
Attorney Docket No. : MOS01 P-120
Customer No. : 28101

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.51, 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information listed on attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with examination of the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

Under 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

The Examiner is kindly requested to consider the United States patents, foreign patent publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form during the examination of the above-identified application, making the references of record, and to return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form to the undersigned attorney.

Particular ones of the patents were cited in an International Search Report. Enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report indicating the relevancy specified by the authorized officer for these patents.

Applicants :
For :

International Application No.:
International Filing Date :
Page :

Hermann Franzen and Joachim Kröll
TRANSFER PLANT AND METHOD FOR
LOADING AND UNLOADING CONTAINERS
FROM CONTAINER SHIPS
PCT/EP2003/009511
28 August 2003
2

10/526703
PCT/PT
04 MAR 2005

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMANN FRANZEN and
JOACHIM KRÖLL

By: Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn
& Burkhardt, LLP

Dated: March 4, 2005.



Frederick S. Burkhardt
Registration No. 29 288
2851 Charlevoix Drive, S.E., Suite 207
Post Office Box 888695
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49588-8695
(616) 988-4104

FSB:djr
MOS01 P-120

PCT/PTC 04 MAR 2005

FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Rev. 2-32) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use several sheets if necessary)	ATTY. DOCKET NO. MOS01 P-120	SERIAL NO. 10/526703
	APPLICANTS: Hermann Franzen et al.	
	FILING DATE	GROUP

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPRO- PRIATE
	5 7 7 5 8 6 6	07/1998	Hoesler Klaus et al.			
	5 9 3 1 6 2 5	08/1999	Bauer Dieter et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLA- TION
						Y N
	1 0 3 3 0 0 7 8	03/1999	Japan			
	1 1 2 7 8 7 9 0	01/2000	Japan			
	1 4 3 1 5 4	10/2000	Japan			

OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

EXAMINER INITIAL	
	Search Report from International Application No. PCT/EP03/09511, dated December 10, 2003.

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	